

fall they began calling me when they found out that they could not apply for the school permit, the special school permit that 14 year olds are able to get, simply because the existing law says that you cannot have a school permit, period, if you reside in a primary first class or metropolitan city. If you will look at this bill, page 4, lines 21, 22 and 23, that essentially tells the whole story. All this bill simply says is, now you still have to live over a mile and a half from the school. However, you can live in the city if your school that you choose to attend, a Class VI school, is outside the city limits. And that is confusing at first brush, but if you look at that, I think you will see what I am trying to do with this. These people in this Johannes Addition now live in the City of Columbus but they would still be eligible to have the school permit because the Class VI school that they choose to attend is outside the city limits. This will have great ramifications if, and Senator Vickers might want to allude to this, if, in fact, the tuition transfer compromise is accepted in places like Hastings, Grand Island and these other areas where we have a city annexing into suburban areas, annexing into a Class VI school district and where the city boundaries move along with the school district boundaries. All these areas that are annexed, if these people still choose to go to the Class VI school under existing law would no longer be eligible for school permits. I understand that a lot of people are concerned about allowing a new group of people the possibility to have a school permit. This does not allow any new group to have school permits. It only maintains people that are now presently eligible to have a school permit to continue to be eligible. And it is a one-time, this tuition transfer option is a one-time deal where these families that have school children are offered the choice, either come into the city school system or go to your Class VI school and the city will pay their tuition. I know it is kind of confusing. We, as we drafted this bill, had to sit down and literally draw a sketch. Here is Grand Island and here is Grand Island Northwest and this person lives here. If the city annexes, they would be no longer eligible for a school permit. Under this bill they would. I think I will just leave it at that because it isn't a debatable bill, really. I ran this by the Nebraska Association of School Boards, the Department of Motor Vehicles, the Nebraska State Patrol, everybody that I could